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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Wolf Trap Survey Number: CT-289  
Project: MD 2/4 N of MD 765 to N of Stoakley Rd Agency: FHWA/SHA  
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no    yes Name                      Date                       
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended             
Criteria: X A X B    C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G    None  
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

According to information prepared by SHA, Wolf Trap, located at the end of Dorsey Road, Prince Frederick vicinity, is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A as a modest tobacco farm and B for association with Nellie Tayloe Ross. The property consists of a large frame house, which probably dates to the mid 19th century, and two tobacco barns and a possible combination cornhouse/tobacco shed, which probably date to the early 20th century. Nellie Tayloe Ross was elected Governor of Wyoming in 1925, becoming the first woman governor in the Nation. She was appointed Director of the Mint in 1933 and served in that position until 1953. She was the first female Director of the Mint and presided over a period of great activity. Nellie Tayloe Ross purchased Wolf Trap in 1937.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory Form CT-289 and project file

Prepared by: Rita Suffness

Elizabeth Hannold  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

July 8, 1994  
Date

NR program concurrence: X yes    no    not applicable

R. Anderson  
Reviewer, NR program

7.11.94  
Date

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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

## I. Geographic Region:

<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

## II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/> Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period ( <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

## III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/> Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Adaption

## IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation

## V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingsHistoric Environment: ruralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single family residence, AgriculturalKnown Design Source: n/a



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## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**CT-289**

**Wolf Trap**

**1015 Dorsey Road**

**Prince Frederick, Calvert County**

**c1880**

**Private**

The historic dwelling at 1015 Dorsey Road is an excellent example of a late-19th-century farmhouse in Calvert County. The dwelling, set on a late 19th-century terraced front lawn, exhibits Italianate decorative elements. Together with the associated barns and acreage, now used for cattle, the property is representative of an early 20th-century farmstead. In the 1930s the property was owned by Nellie Tayloe Ross, who served as the Director of the United States Mint under Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ross was also the first female governor in the United States, serving as Governor of Wyoming from 1925 to 1926.

The two-story Italianate-style wood-frame dwelling presents a gable-front-and-wing form with a flush wall plane. Set on a solid brick foundation, the weatherboard-clad building is capped by a gable and hipped roof with asphalt shingles, forming an L-shaped footprint. A central-interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap marks the main block, while a similar interior-end chimney rises from the two-story ell. The double-pile building, which faces southeast, is detailed with a molded wood cornice with returns and Italianate-style scroll-sawn decorative brackets. Measuring five bays in width, the symmetrically fenestrated façade is pierced by 4/4 wood windows with molded surrounds and aluminum shutters. Marking the gable peak is a roundel vent with wooden louvered slats. A three-bay-wide one-story screened porch with Tuscan column supports is centrally located on the elevation, sheltering the single-leaf entry. A one-story half-hipped porch projects from the southwest elevation, while a one-story modern gabled addition and a one-story modern shed entry extend northwest from the rear elevation, which is marked with 6/6 wood windows. Associated with the dwelling are several historic sheds and two historic barns.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-289

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wolf Trap  
other La Trappe; The Trappe

### 2. Location

street and number 1015 Dorsey Road not for publication  
city, town Prince Frederick vicinity  
county Calvert

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Karl W. Weber and Deborah F. Weber  
street and number PO Box 8 telephone 410/535-0321  
city, town Pr. Frederick state MD zip code 20678-0008

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 21:41  
city, town Pr. Frederick liber ABE 956 folio 261

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	5	3
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		1
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	5	4
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			1	



## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

**SETTING.** Set on a rural fifty-acre property, the Wolf Trap is located at 1015 Dorsey Road. The dwelling sits on a grassy knoll and is enhanced with mature trees and shrubs, foundation plantings, and a paved driveway. Livestock grazing fields and landscaped terraces also define the property. Two historic sheds and two historic barns, as well as a non-historic garage and two non-historic sheds, further improve the site.

**PRIMARY RESOURCE.** Constructed circa 1880, the two-story Italianate-style wood-frame dwelling presents a gable-front-and-wing form with a flush wall plane. Set on a solid brick foundation, the weatherboard-clad building is capped by a gable and hipped roof with asphalt shingles, forming an L-shaped footprint. A central-interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap marks the main block, while a similar interior-end chimney rises from the two-story ell. The double-pile building, which faces southeast, is detailed with a molded wood cornice with returns and Italianate-style scroll-sawn decorative brackets. Measuring five bays in width, the symmetrically fenestrated façade is pierced by 4/4 wood windows with molded surrounds and aluminum shutters. Marking the gable peak is a roundel vent with wooden louvered slats. A three-bay-wide one-story screened porch with Tuscan column supports is centrally located on the elevation, sheltering the single-leaf entry. A one-story half-hipped porch projects from the southwest elevation. The rear elevation features 6/6 wood sash windows, and a one-story modern gabled addition and a one-story modern shed entry which extend to the northwest.

**SECONDARY RESOURCES.** Three sheds are located to the north of the house. The westernmost of these is a one-story wood-frame shed constructed circa 1930. The shed is clad with board-and-batten siding, has a front-gable roof sheathed in corrugated metal, a wood boxed cornice, overhanging eaves with exposed rafters and a hinged door on the southeast elevation. East of this shed is another one-story wood-frame shed dating to circa 1930. It has a concrete-block pier foundation, is clad in board-and-batten siding and has a shed roof sheathed in corrugated metal. Notable features include a hinged door on the southeast elevation and a wood boxed cornice. Northeast of this shed is a prefabricated wood-frame shed dating to circa 1985. The shed is clad in vertical plywood and has a gambrel roof sheathed in asphalt shingles.

Northeast of the house is an in-ground pool dating to circa 1980. A circa 1980 wood-frame shed clad in plywood simulating vertical boards with a shed-roof sheathed in asphalt shingles is located at the northwest end of the pool. The pool and shed are encircled by a chain-link fence.

West of the house at the end of the paved drive is a large concrete-block masonry garage constructed circa 1990. The garage has a front-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles and plywood simulating vertical boards in the gable ends. It has a wood boxed cornice and a large wing on the northeast elevation.

Two barns are sited to the southeast of the house and adjacent to the paved drive. The barn closest to the road is a tobacco barn constructed circa 1930. The barn has a solid concrete-block foundation, is clad in flush vertical boards and has a gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal. The barn has side-hinged air doors and a shed-roof addition on the southwest elevation. East of the tobacco barn is a smaller wood-frame barn constructed circa 1920. The barn, which is deteriorated, is clad in flush vertical boards and has a front-gable roof sheathed in corrugated metal.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates c1880

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates c1880

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

**SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY.** The historic dwelling at 1015 Dorsey Road is an excellent example of a late 19th-century farmhouse in Calvert County. The dwelling, sited on a late 19th century terraced front lawn, exhibits Italianate decorative elements. Together with the associated barns and acreage, now used for cattle, the property is representative of an early-20th-century farmstead. In the 1930s the property was owned by Nellie Tayloe Ross, who served as Director of the United States Mint under Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ross was the first female governor in the United States, serving as Governor of Wyoming from 1925 to 1926.

**HISTORY.** The house, known as La (The) Trappe, was the home of the Parran family during the late 19th century. (1) The Parrans were known for their interest in horticulture and the terraced lawn and rose garden date to the Parran occupation. In the early 20th century the property was rented to Elijah Hicks (b. c1867), listed in the 1910 census as a "mulatto" farmer with ten children. (2) In the 1930s the property was owned by Nellie Tayloe Ross (1876-1977) during her directorship of the United States Mint under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ross was the first female governor in the United States, serving as Governor of Wyoming from 1925 to 1926. Ross renovated the house, staying at nearby Old Field (CT-746) while the work was being completed. After Ross the property was owned by George Dorsey for whom the road is named. The property is now owned by Karl and Deborah Weber.

### ENDNOTES

(1) Briscoe, Betty. "Know Your County: La Trappe." Calvert Independent. Calvert County, MD. Date unknown. Most of the history detailed in this section comes directly from this article.

(2) United States Federal Census, 1910.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 50.0 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Prince Frederick

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic house is located at 1015 Dorsey Road in Prince Frederick. It has been associated with Tax Map 21, Parcel 41 since its construction circa 1880. The current deed to the property can be found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book ABE 956, Page 261.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville MD 21032  
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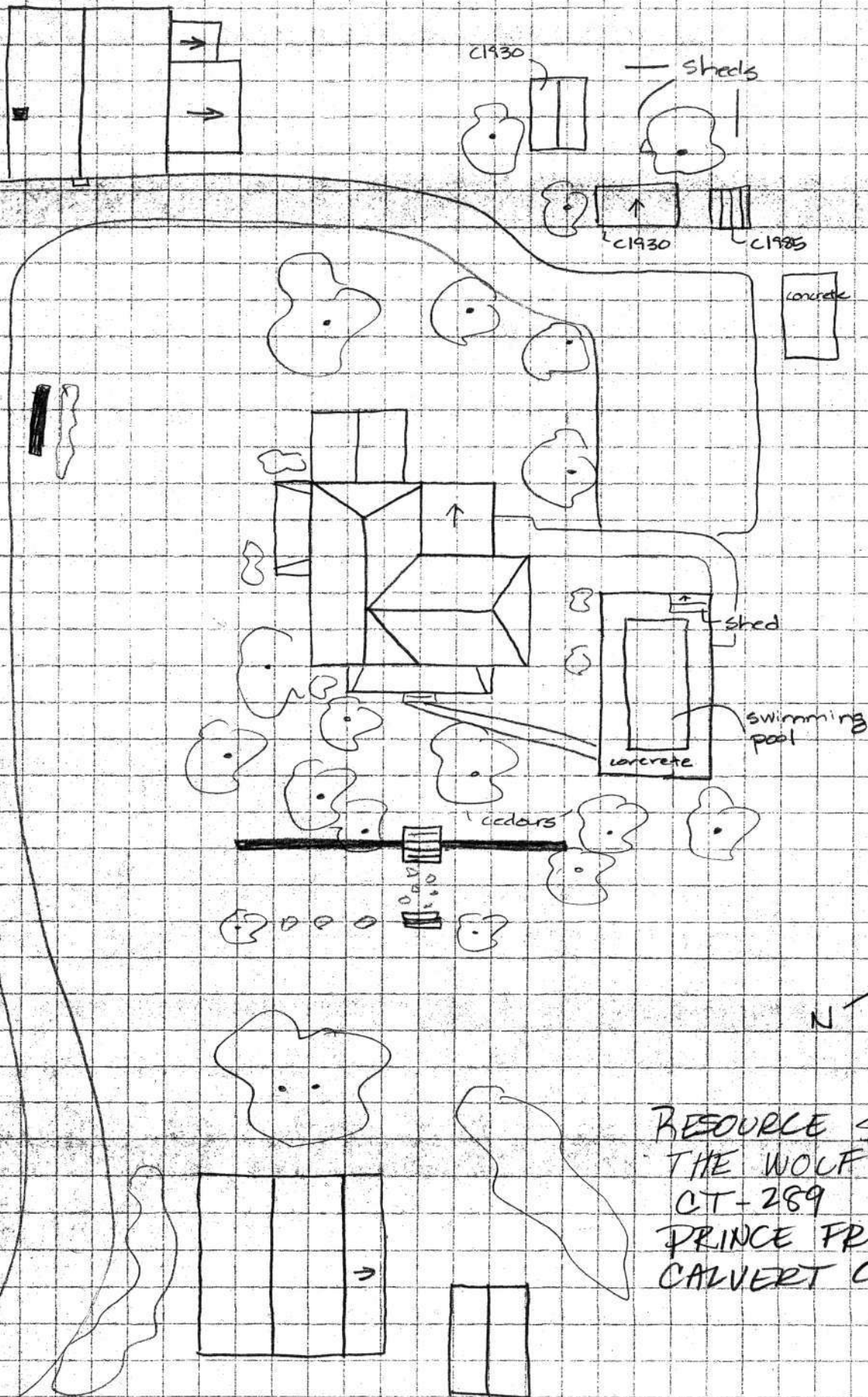
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP  
THE WOLF TRAP  
CT-289  
PRINCE FREDERICK  
CALVERT COUNTY

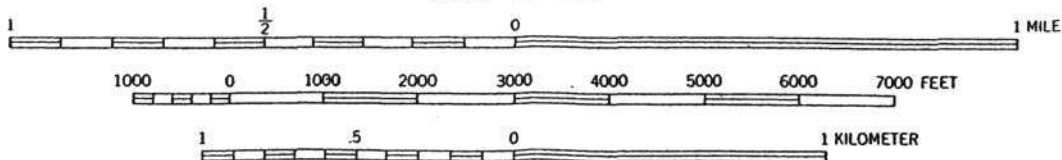


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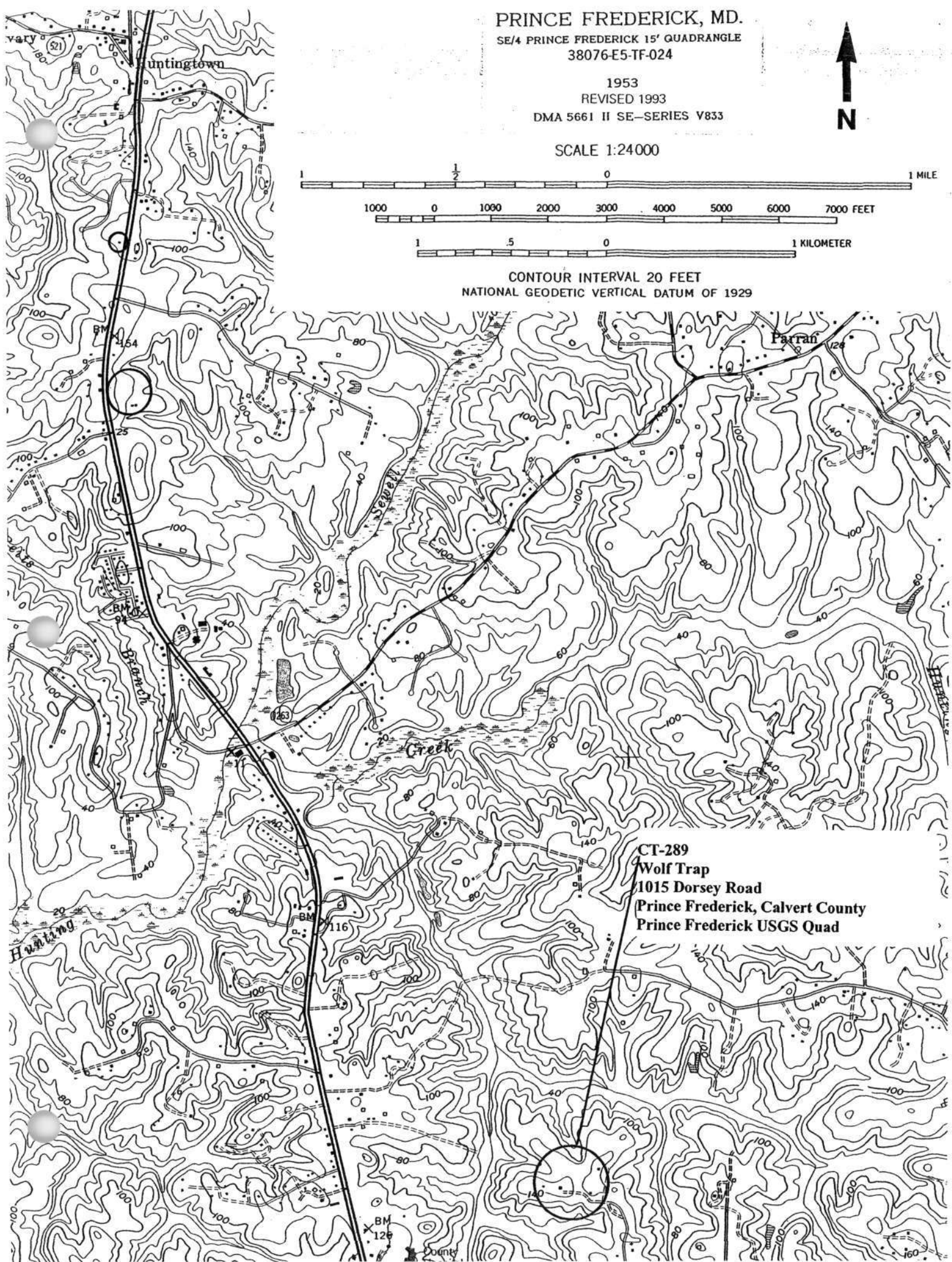
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SCALE 1:24000



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NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



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Wolf Trap  
1015 Dorsey Road  
Prince Frederick, Calvert County  
Prince Frederick USGS Quad





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WOLF TRAP

1015 Dorsey Road

Calvert County, MD

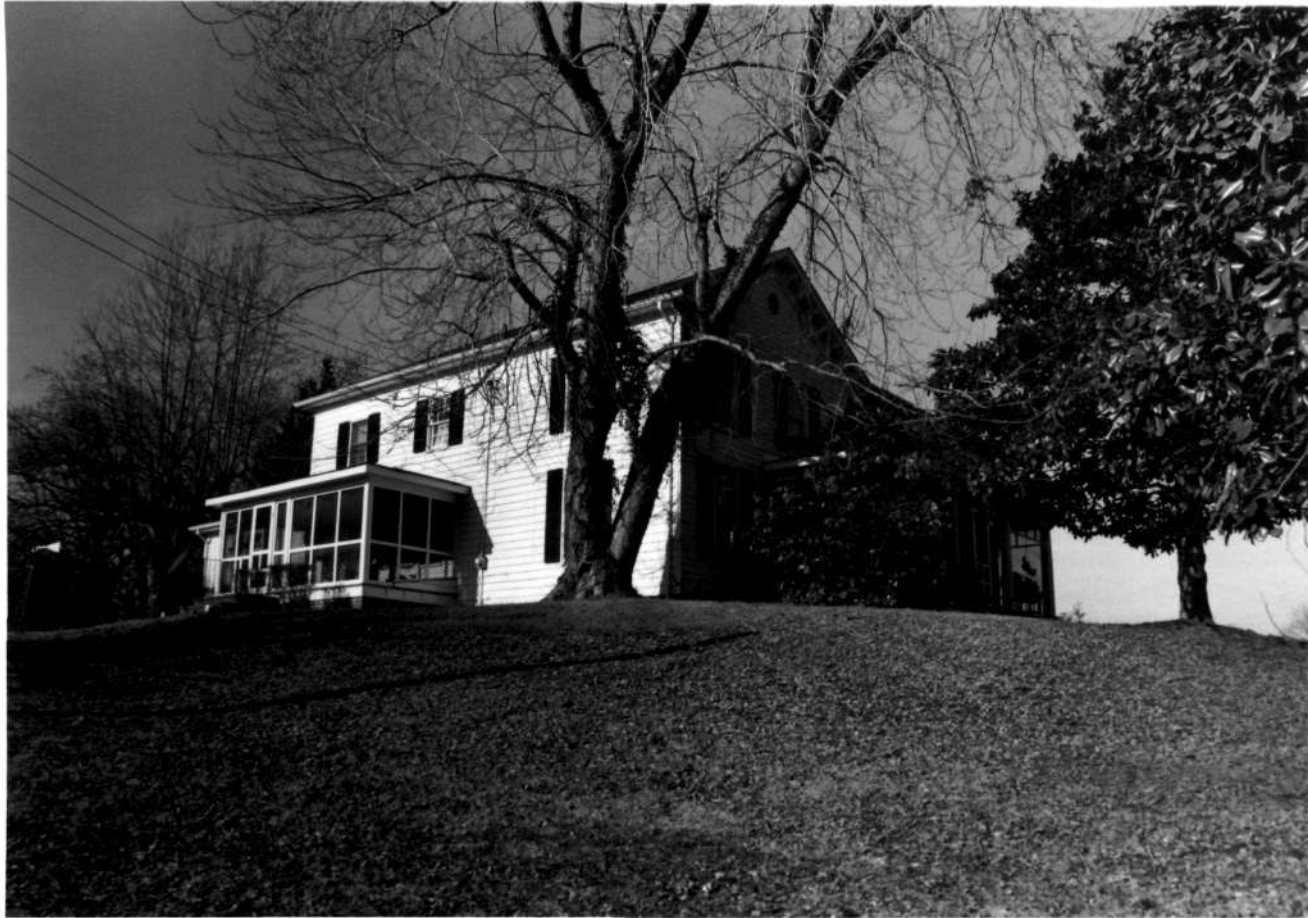
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House, view looking west

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WOLF TRAP

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House, South Corner

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House, view looking east

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Sheds, view looking north

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Barn, view looking east

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